

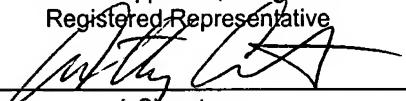
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
John M. Boyd )  
Serial No. Not yet assigned ) Examiner from  
Filing Date: Herewith ) previous application: Anthony Ojini  
For METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ) Group Art Unit No  
CONDITIONING A POLISHING ) from previous application. 3763  
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.